

I would like to echo the comments previously filed by both the president and chief engineers, as well as the comments of one Mr. Kevin Tekel. Additionally, the disappointing results on AM lead me to believe the solution resides on the receiver side, something I and Mr. Larry Langford of WGTO radio petitioned the FCC about a couple years ago.

Being the chief engineer at three AM stations, I find it a dubious proposition that we'd have to spend \$75-100 thousand or more per station with equipment that is useable only in the daytime. Furthermore, I live in a rural area, and would be out of the range of any reliable medium wave broadcasts, as the dismal tests at WTOP would suggest.

AM stereo and AMAX standards must be an enforced addition to receivers, not something strictly voluntary, if AM is to compete. One other thing that must be done is to lower the allowable amount of hash created by computers and compact fluorescent lighting. FM IBOC might be workable, though being between major markets, the extra bandwidth would wipe out a lot of currently receivable stations. Therefore I say once again that the solution is on the receiver side.